A true Relation of the Treasons attempted against foure Townes in the Netherlands.

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from certaine Citizens of note of the Towne of Goch, concerning the abho-minable and wicked Treasons attempted and concluded by eighteene persons to haue beene executed vpon the Townes of *Goch*, *Cleef*, *Emmerick*, and *Rees*, discouered by Gods prouidence the last of Februarie, 1615.

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A SHORT AND True Narration of the abhominable and wicked Treasons intended against *Goch*, *Cleef*, *Emmerick* and *Rees*.

ON the last of Februarie, (by Gods holy & wise prouidence who is an enemie of all Treacherie) came to the knowledge of the Lords Gouernours of *Goch*, *Emmerick* and *Rees*, the murtherous and false Treasons practised by eighteene persons vpon the said Cities, for to bring them vnder the obedience of *Marquesse Spinola*. To this end, they had purposed to breake a hole in the Towne-walls of *Goch*, behinde the Nunnerie, for to let in at the appointed houre in the night, the Garrison of the said *Marquesse*, and in the like manner to betray the other three Cities, at the selfe same time and houre. This execrable intention being reuealed by one *Matthias Coulencer*, (faining himselfe to be one of the Conspiratours for to know their secrets) vnto one of the saide Lords Gouernours, there was a meeting ordained of the saide Lords Gouernours in all hast, in the Citie of *Cleef*, and consulted how to attrappe these Traytours: whose finall resolution was, that in the night, betweene eleauen and twelue of the clocke, those of *Cleef* should shoot off two Peeces of Ordnance, and that there-vpon the Gouernours of these sundry places,

ſhould apprehend all the Traytours that were diſcouered. Thus accordingly were apprehended on the ſecond day of March, in the ſaid places, theſe perſons following, *Goſen Exkens*, olde Borgmaiſter of the Towne, *Albert Vuyſt* Counſellour, *Iacob Haſenberch*, *Coenraet Keyſers*, *Peter Exkens*, *Lenart Roeloſſoon*, *Dirick van Hauckelum*, *Rutger* Sheriffe, Father *Cornelis*, and Father *Henry* Friars from *Gaeſdonck* (a Monaſterie ſituated ſome halfe an houres going from *Goch*) Item, *Willem Barbier*, *Ian Abels*, *Goort Frauck*, *Thijs* the Hatter, *Iohn Verlunck*, Maiſter *Hendrick Fuyſt* Licentiat of *Cleef*, and *Matthias Coulenaer*, the diſcouerour of this Conſpiracie, who gaue himſelfe willingly into their hands for the better aſſurance of his ſafety for this happy Diſcouerie. All theſe perſons were brought together at *Goch*, where there was found with the afore-ſaide *Iacob Haſenberg* a Roule, wherein he had noted all that he had obſerued and heard theſe foure or fiue yeeres, concerning the Dukes of *Brandenburg* and *Nuyburg*, and who were addicted to the Duke of *Nuyburg*, and who not; and for this purpoſe frequented daily the publike Innes, that ſo hee might in due time make vſe thereof. Beſides this, there were found with him diuers Paſquils or Libels, very vilainouſly made againſt the Duke of *Brandenburg*, and the reformed Religion. Some of the ſaid perſons had alſo written certaine Letters to *Marqueſſe Spinola*, and ſent them to *Bruſſels* by *Peter Exkens*: and after the apprehenſion of theſe Traytours, there came a Letter from *Marqueſſe Spinola*, vnto the ſaid *Peter Exkens*, which was taken and intercepted by the Lord Gouernour of *Goch*, the contents whereof are not yet publiſhed. *Peter Exkens* and *Iacob Haſenberg* were racked, but their confeſſion is not yet reuealed. The time will tell vs, what ſhall bee further done in this matter, and we will be ready (being aduertiſed of the truth) to make the ſame further knowne vnto all thoſe that loue the truth: Thanking God almightie

mightie that such Traytours of their owne Countrie, and consequently of their owne Mother, are discouered, to the opening of the eyes of Christian Princes and States, that they trust not too much to the faire inticings of the Papists, and their Princes: But being bound together as a bundle of arrowes, they keepe good watch, that the Wolfe breake not in any farther by his subtill and cruell strickes, to the ruine of Christian Religion, and the euersion of the Estate of the Country of Cleef; as also of the neighbour-places, whom this matter likewise concerneth, which the Lord preserue vs from.

Amen.

Corten waerachtich verhael

wt de mont van eenighe loffweerdige Borgers van Goch, vant abominabel ende *boos verraet by ſeeckere achthien perſoonen* geintenteert ende beſloten op de Steden Goch, Cleef, Emmerick ende Rees, door de voorſichticheyt des alder hoochſten Godts uyt ghecomen op leſten Februwarie.

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Cort warachtich verhael vant Abominabel ende boos verraet, op de Steden *Goch*, *Cleef*, *Emmerick* ende *Rees*.

OPden lesten Febrvwary verleden is door de wyse voorsichticheyt des alderhoochsten Godts (die een Wyant is van alle moordadicheden) ter kennisse ghecomen vande Heeren Gouverneurs tot Cleef, Goch, Emmerick ende Rees, her moordadich ende valsch verraet gepractiseert by seeckere achtien persoonen op de voornoemde Steden, om die te brenghen onder de ghehoorsaemheyt vanden Marquis Spinola, daer toese voorghenomen hadden een gat te maetken inde Stadts Mueren van Goch achter het Wagimen Clooster, om doer voor ter bestemder ure ende stont inde nacht het Garnisoē vanden voorseyde Marquis inne te laten, ende voorts op sulcke wyse te verraden d'andere drie Steden, alle te saemen op den voorseyden bestemden tydt ende stont, ende nae dat dit voorseyde ende execrabel voornemen, door eenen Mathijs Ceulenaer, die mede van haer complice sich veynsde, om dat hy haere secreten soude weten, aen een vande voornoemde Heeren Gouverneurs aen ghebracht was, soo sijn

de voorseyde Gouerneurs daeromme in allerley by malcanderen outbooden tot Cleef, hebben alsdaer raet ghehouden om de verraders opt behendelierste te attraperen, ende in verseeckerheyt te nemen, ende eyntlick ghereselveert dat des nachts tusschen elk ende twaelf uren als die van Cleef twee scheuten met groff Geschut souden hebben gheschoten, yeder Gouverneur in syn respective Stadt alle de verraders die ondeckt waeren soude ghevanghen nemen, ende syn dien volghende op den tweeden Marty gheapprehendeert inde respective plaetsen, dese nae benoemde personen, als naemenlick Gosen Eskens out Burghemeester der voorseyde Stadt, Aelbert Vuyst, Raet, Iacob Hasenberch, Coenraet Keysers, Peter Exhens, Leenardt Roeloessoon, Arent Roelofsoon, Dirck van Heuckelũ, Rutgher Abels Scheepē, Heer Cornelis, Heer Henrick beyde Monicken wt de Gaesdonck, een Clooster ghelegen ontrent een halve mile van Goch, Willem Berbier, Ian Abels, Goert Franck, Thijs den Hoemaker, Ian Verlinck, Meester Heyndrick Fuyst Licentiat van Cleef, ende Mathijs Ceulaner, als ondecker van dese conspiratie die hem ghewillichlickenin apprehentie ghestelt heeft, tot sekerheyt van syn heylsame outdeckinghe, dese alle syn te samen tot Goch ghebracht, by den voornoemden Iacob Hasenberch is geoõdē seeckere Rolle waerinne hy ghetteeckent hadde alle het ghene hy sedert vier ende vyf iaeren herwaerts wt d'een ende d'anders mont ghehoort hadde, soo den Hertoghe van Brandenburch als Nuyburch aengaende, ende wie de sake vanden Hertoch van Nuyburch toe ghedaen was, wie met, daer toe meest alle daghe inde Herberghe ghefrequenteert, om hier mede ter gheleghener tyt syn profyt te doen, oock syn by den voorseyden Hasenberch ghevonden dieverssche pasquillen, seer vileynich op den Hertoghe van Brandenburch ende de Ghereformeerde Religie fulminerende, de voorseyde ghevanghens hadden oock seeckere brieven

ghescreven.

gheſchreven aenden Marquis Spinola ende den ſelven door Peter Exkens beſtelt op Bruyſel, is ooc (nae dat de voorſeyde verraders ghevangen waeren) ſeeckere brief vanden Marquis Spinola aenden voorſchreven Peter Exkens gheſchreven, in handen vanden Heere Gouverneur van Goch ghecomen, waer van den inhout als noch niet en is int licht, als oock niet de belydenisse van den voorſchreven Peter Exkens ende Iacob Haſenberch, die beyde gepynicht zyn. Wat voorder in deſe saecken vallen ſal, ſal den tyt leern, ende wy, als wy de waerheyt ſullen verſtaen hebben, bereyt zyn alle waerheyt lief hebbende menſchen deelachtich te maecken, Godt danckende dat ſucke verraders van haere eyghen Vaderlant, ende conſequentelick van haer eyghen Moeder in haer boos voornmen gheſteut zyn, tot openinghe der Chriſten Princen ooghen ende Herten, om de aenlock ende Sauſten, der Paps geſinden ende hare Vorſten, niet te veel te betrouwen, maer met malcanderen als ghebonden pylen goeds wachte te houden, dat nict hier ofte daer de Wolf, door zyne aenghebozen wreetheyt ende looſe treken erghens eenighe afſcheuringe en doe, tot ruvyne der Chriſtelycke Religie ende everſie vanden welſtant ende vrede, ſoo vant Lant van Cleef, als alle d'omgh eleghen Plaetſen, die deſe ſake mede aengaet, twelck Godt verhoede.

Amen.

FINIS.

Pope *Paul* the fift his tenne Commaundements giuen to Marquis *Spinola*.

THis is Pope *Pauls* Commandement,
Which from his holy ſeat he ſent,
And gaue to his ſonne *Spinola*
A Marchants ſonne of *Genua*.

Your God here on the earth I am,
See you adore my holy name,
And in all things performe my will:
In this warre, as I truſt you will.

Firſt take the land of *Gulick* in,
Then to beſiege *Franckfort* begin,
And let the ſiege vnto't be held,
Till it conſtrayned be to yeeld.

In Winter with your Armie lie,
In *Heſſen*, that to it is nie.
Plague *Germanie* with Warre, vntill
You force them to obay my will.

Make ſhew to do't in th'Emperours name,
And ſay men muſt obay the ſame.
Proceede with courage ſtout, my Sonne:
Leaue not till *Germanie* be wonne.

The *Margraves* Land ſee you deſtroy,
With fire and ſword kill man and boy,

Wife,

Wife, mayd, and all you finde therein,
And place my ſonne *Lupold* therein.

Let *Wurtenburg* the *Palſgraues* Land,
And *Baden*, feele your puiſſant hand,
Bring th'heretickes into ſubiection,
By force and Spaniſh inquiſition.

A Germane Monarch thou ſhalt bee,
Which for thy paines Ile giue to thee,
Take th'heretickes Townes, and lands, and all
You winne, and pay your debts with all.

With neighbours houſe, wife, mayd and man,
T'your hearts deſire, doe what you can,
Or will: for all their goods and lands
I freely giue into your hands.

Theſe ten Commandements, my Sonne,
I charge you, that you ſee them done.
To your diſcretion I commit
The reſt, to doe as you thinke fit.
And ſee you breake the Vnion.

The Concluſion.

OH God that art in heauen aboue,
Conuert theſe blinde-mens hearts to loue:
(That onely on their ſtrengths rely)
Or elſe deſtroy them vtterly.
And ſtrengthen ſtill the Vnion.

DE SPAENSCHE GHEBOODE INGESTELT DOOR, Paus Paulus V.

Deese ghebooden ende wet,
Van den Paus Paulus ingheset,
Gaf hy zyn' Soon, dien Spinola,
Eens coopmans Soon van Genua,
Wzeckt de Unie.

Ick ben v Godt in dit aertsch' dal,
Siet toe dat ghy vuyt recht te mael,
Met dit Crycks hoyz, all myn bevell,
Gelyck ick v vertrouw zeer well:
Wzeckt de Unie.

Neemt eerst het Landt van Gulick in,
Treckt dan naer Franckfozt t' uwen gh' win,
Belegt de Statt met cloecken moet,
Tot datse haer opgheven doet,
Wzeckt de Unie.

U winterleger houdt dan vzy,
Int Landt van Hessen naest daerby,
Ghy sult so lang met crych zyn vuyt,
Dat Duytslandt danst nae myne fluyt,
Wzeckt de Unie.

Dit

Dit doet all onder deesen schyn:
Men moet den Keyser g'hoorsaem zyn,
Alsoe vaert voort met cloecken zin,
Tot dat ghy hebt t' beste deel in,
Vreeckt de Unie.

Des Marckgrauen, volckt, goet end Landt,
Besoeckt met gh'welt, met swert, met brandt,
Vermoortse all, end sett daaerin,
Myn' Soon Lupoldt dien ick benim.
Vreeckt de Unie.

Paltz, Baden dock, end Wurtenbergk,
Moeten daeraen, ghebruyckt vlterck,
De Letters doet ghehoorsaem zyn,
Deur Spaensche Inquisitie fyn.
Vreeckt de Unie.

Een duyts Monarcq sult ghy dan zyn,
Met Letters goet versast v fyn,
Haer Steden oock int roomsche ryck,
Wint, end betalt v schulden gh'lyck.
Vreeckt de Unie.

Met s'naesten huys, wyf, knecht, end maecht,
Doet stoutlyck wat v hert behaecht,
Haer geldt end goet, end wat meer is,
Tot ecom' uwen Soldaten fris,
Vreeckt de Unie.

Deese ghebooden, lieve Soon,
Bevael ick v, vuyt mynen troon,
De rest stell' ick tot uwen vlyt,
Ick weet well, dat ghy neerstigh zyt.
Vreeckt de Unie.

Concluſie.

Conclusie.

O Hoochsten Gott, een heer der Heeren,
Wilt dit verblinde volck bekeeren,
Die haer verlaeten op eygen macht,
Dit verderft se door uwe kracht.
Sterckt de Unie.